

### Congresswoman Also Voted to Change Direction in Afghanistan

**Washington, DC** – Late last night the U.S. House of Representatives passed emergency funding legislation that included domestic priorities championed by U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee); however, it did not include an amendment supported by Moore that would have added more funding to create jobs.

The amendment would have directed funding to states and cities to help shore up public employment, like firefighters, police officers, teachers and others who communities rely on every day. The amendment was not made in order by the House Rules Committee.

Moore said, **“While we have seen some signs of recovery, too many people are still struggling. This amendment would have helped localities immediately hire people for critical work. I am going to keep fighting to create jobs until we have a full and robust recovery.”**

The bill did include \$10 billion – fully paid for – to keep about 140,000 teachers in classrooms throughout the country. Moore recently attended a rally in support of saving 700 teaching jobs in Milwaukee Public Schools.

Congresswoman Moore said, **“We know that larger class sizes deny our kids a shot at a better education. They need every qualified teacher we have. I wanted to save even more teachers’ jobs, but this funding is crucial to keep teachers in classrooms across the country.”**

It also included \$1 billion for a proven and successful jobs program for our youth.

Moore said, **“Helping teens get work helps cushion family budgets and provides real-life experience and future opportunities. We need to give teens every possible chance to succeed.”**

Congresswoman Moore also supported amendments to the spending bill, which failed to pass, that would have changed military course in the war in Afghanistan, which is now in its 10th year.

One amendment would have only allowed military funding to be used for withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan as well as stop any troop surge in Afghanistan.

The second amendment would require a timetable for withdrawal from Afghanistan.

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